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We find in life exactly what we put in it.—Emerson.

FOR THE VOTERS

Responsible businessmen of the community are not in sympathy with attacks at this time on the "businessmen's committee" that is trying to solve a very serious political problem here, nor will the voters generally sympathize with hasty criticism and misdirected slurs.

The committee is not selecting a ticket, not making a slate, not framing a "deal."

It is seeking to get out for public office men of the highest standing in business and in public morals.

It is urging that every male citizen of the territory should take a personal interest in the territory's affairs.

It is trying to give the voters of the territory and of Honolulu in particular a choice of many good men.

It is paving the way for a convention that will play clean politics, not dirty politics; that will nominate for office men of brains, character and aggressiveness.

The committee has invited and is inviting suggestions from every person who is sincerely interested in efficiency in public office. Necessarily it must consider quietly and with discretion. It cannot shout from the rooftops the name of every man suggested for office; it cannot make street-corner gossip of its plans before those plans are matured.

The committee was named only a few days ago, and has already received suggestions as to names of possible candidates. To condemn the work of the committee now is merely to make its work more difficult. If this community needs anything, it needs united support in a movement for efficient government. The committee is not discriminating against any class or any race; it is considering many Hawaiians favorably, as shown by the names mentioned in another column. The committee has found plenty of good men, and the way to elect them is not the way of petty carping and shallow spite.

THE CASE OF SUGAR

"House contends senate reductions insignificant; senate refuses to go lower."

The above quotation from the Star-Bulletin's cabled Washington correspondence today is the sugar-tariff forecast in a nutshell.

The senate several times recently has manifested its firmness in refusing to yield to the house demands for tariff-cutting. The house, having passed a free-sugar bill, cannot, as a matter of political maneuvering, agree to the senate's program for a tariff of 1.60 cents a pound.

The predictions made consistently by this paper's Washington correspondent that there will be no sugar legislation this session seem now certain to be carried out. The whole matter will go over until next winter. By that time the campaign will be over. The whole aspect of tariff legislation may change.

Meanwhile, there's no reason for Hawaii to despair. Just the opposite.

RATTLING THE WAR SCARE BONES

The rattle of dry bones was heard again in the senate yesterday when the committee on foreign relations dragged from its misty sarcophagus the remains of the Magdalena Bay story and shook the skeleton before their fellow-lawmakers.

Is it only a coincidence that just when Congress wants a big army appropriation bill put through, or a two-battleship program decided upon, the "Japanese scare" is brought forth and thrashed for a day or two?

It will be remembered that a congressional committee probed the story of a Japanese syndicate trying to secure an immense tract of land

on Magdalena Bay. This committee reported first that there was no evidence that the syndicate had any backing whatever from the Japanese government, and secondly, that the Magdalena Bay location is not by any means such a menace to Uncle Sam as William Randolph Hearst and his sensational editors tried to make the country believe.

A few months ago, a brigadier-general told a congressional committee that there were 30,000 Japanese ex-soldiers in Hawaii and that grave dangers were threatening the islands. There was a fortification bill or something of the kind up before Congress at the time.

Congress is now asked to "reaffirm the Monroe doctrine vigorously." There's no harm in doing that. However, there is harm in allowing plain jingoism to sway national legislation. The Magdalena Bay matter will be solved, just as the defenses of Hawaii are being built, without the spur of labored war-scares to drive through appropriation bills.

NEW YORK'S POLICE SCANDAL

The real "inside history" of New York's police graft will not be told. This prediction may be safely made here and now. The "inside" is not the relation of gambler and patrolman, or gambling syndicate and police official; it is the relation of gambling and politics.

Were New York's police graft to be laid bare to its last dirty shred of political infamy, some of the Tammany leaders who figured at the Baltimore national convention would be found with smirched hands and stuffed pockets. Syndicate gambling cannot flourish without police protection.

Two millions and a half, it is told by one of the "boss" gamblers, has been paid yearly to the police as hush money. Of course the police didn't keep all of it, probably not even the half. The money was "cut up" in scores of ways. Eager and unscrupulous hands dipped into the golden treasury and "split the coin where it would do the most good." Some of the money, if the probergoes far enough and deep enough, would probably be found this fall in the Democratic national campaign fund.

TWENTIETH CENTURY WIRELESS

Hawaii's recent strides in wireless progress and the still greater strides promised with the installation of the Marconi system here and on the coast, have stimulated much local interest in this twentieth-century form of communication. The latest improvement in wireless service comes from London, and, according to reports from that city during the past few days, the improvement is a remarkable one.

The reports say that wireless messages will be sent across the Atlantic and to other parts of the world by a new system, according to experts, within four months, not only much faster than by the present systems, but also with such precision that it will be possible to send pictures by this means.

The new system has been taken up by one of the big European telegraph companies and will be given a thorough test by a syndicate. Stations are to be erected at Lyons, in France, and at Washington, and the inventor claims he will be able to send at the rate of 200 words a minute.

The improvement consists in being able to control a continuous wave, as compared with intermittent waves by the present system.

After the Franco-American line is working the company intends to extend the system to the east to Africa and to the British colonies. The British Government has investigated it, but is apparently satisfied, as it has been in all recent inventions, to let some other nation test it before adopting it in the British Isles.

The Promotion committee should have supplied Dr. Victor S. Clark with literature and moving pictures before he started on his world-tour after labor.

The only way to enforce the screening law is to enforce it, and to arrest after one good warning the shopmen who persistently violate it.

Seagirt used to be the name of a rifle range, and there seem to be a few sharpshooters still left in the vicinity.

Col. Roosevelt is looking to the south for his running-mate. Why not Booker T. Washington?

Someone suggests that Col. Roosevelt pick the wordy Mr. Johnson for his vice-president.

"Gen." Orozco is great on long-distance bravery!

There doesn't seem to be any closed season for trusts.

GET TOGETHER

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Briefly outlined Mr. Ford's proposal was as follows:

Mr. Ford's remarks were printed in pamphlet form and distributed before the luncheon. He took up various public and semi-public organizations which would desire space. Referring to tourist attractions, he said:

Tourist Agency.

Honolulu and Hawaii have long lacked a Tourist Agency conducted along the lines of those successfully worked by the Australian and New Zealand governments. We should have a Government Tourist Bureau with an annual appropriation of \$50,000, although this department could be made not only self-supporting, but lucrative. Last winter the Public Service Association demonstrated that excursions about the island of Oahu and to the other islands could be run at seemingly impossible low rates, but still at a substantial profit, and while these were supported as well by tourists as by tourists, they increased the demand for autos for other excursions between times. They taught the people to travel. Such a Tourist Agency could pay a fair rent and there are those who are willing to embark in the project.

Roof Garden Restaurant and Theater.

Honolulu needs a popular roof garden, with roof garden restaurant, where popular prices would prevail and where hundreds might be accommodated at a time. We also need an open air high class roof garden motion picture place of entertainment, and there are those who would invest in these projects and pay good rentals.

At the Outrigger Club, as an experiment, food was recently cooked on the grounds for one hundred and twenty-five persons. Today two hundred could be served at six hours' notice without going on the grounds for a single item.

A roof garden with a great sand-box where the imu could prepare food on a large and inexpensive scale, might be the ideal place for the monthly gathering of the Greater Chamber of Commerce, where five hundred or more enthusiastic lovers and boosters of Hawaii might feast and get to know each other while learning to pull together.

An Oriental Bazaar.

An Oriental Bazaar is today the greatest tourist's desire. I have been approached many times within the last four years by Chinese and Japanese capitalists to secure a location and the friendly cooperation of the haole.

United Home Industry Exhibit.

The home industries of Hawaii have for some time contemplated an arrangement whereby they might support a permanent joint exhibition and downtown office headquarters. With pianos, phonograph, lava bricks, ohia lumber furniture, Hawaiian tobacco, Kona coffee, sisal, home-made jewelry, Hawaiian jams, taro flour and canned bananas—a score of infant industries of Hawaii, some unable to support permanent headquarters and exhibition space are collectively capable of splendid promotion work for themselves and for Hawaii.

The New Theater and Auditorium.

For some time there has been a movement, or movements, on foot to secure for Honolulu a new theater and auditorium. Some advance has been made by committees appointed by interested parties and these committees are now prepared to unite their efforts.

As money, however, is the first requisite, let us see what the possibilities are. I tabulate these in a table, and I firmly believe that with a little friendly cooperation all around, these figures can be realized.

Annual rental from—

Commercial Club.....\$ 4,000

Greater Chamber of Commerce.....3,000

Promotion Committee.....1,000

Public Service Association.....1,500

Associated Clubs, Charities and Church Societies.....1,500

Auto, Hack, Express and Messenger Service.....2,500

Transportation Bureau—Railway, Steamship and Transportation—Tickets.....2,500

Stock Exchange.....1,000

Real Estate Exchange.....1,000

Lawyers' Club and Library, Engineers' Club and Library, Medical Club and Library.....1,500

Kioloa Art League and Women's Clubs.....1,500

Downtown Offices and Exhibits of Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Board of Forestry, Federal Experiment Station and Market Superintendent.....3,500

Chinese and Japanese Commercial Exhibits and Oriental Merchants' Associations.....3,000

Correspondence Schools, College and Educational Offices.....1,000

Public Accountant, Public Stenographer, etc.....1,000

Newspapers and Magazines.....1,000

Gas Company (as a Semi-Public Service Corporation).....3,000

Total.....\$ 60,000

Less expenses.....\$ 30,000

Net available for building.....\$ 30,000

Interest on capital.....\$ 3,000

Interest on building.....\$ 1,500

Interest on equipment.....\$ 1,000

Interest on furniture.....\$ 1,000

Interest on fixtures.....\$ 1,000

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